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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

First, thank you to all who helped with this year's hamfest. From all the feedback I received, everyone had a good time. Our thanks to Bob, W6RGG, ARRL Pacific Division director and Jim, K6JA, vice director for coming to the hamfest.

The ARRL is our major voice for ham radio, so if you are not a member, please consider joining. Membership also includes a pretty good magazine, QST. It is now available on line to members.

The hamfest VE session went well. We had 7 candidates, 5 passed the technician and two upgraded to general. One of the candidates who passed the technician went on to pass the general. Many thanks to the VE team.

Don't forget to put June 22/23 on your calendar. That's the Field Day weekend. This year, we will be at Sonoma Skypark.

I still have plenty of the 12volt, 7AH batteries donated by Simon, KB6CLV. They make great emergency power supplies.

There are several bike events this summer that need volunteers. See Dave if you are interested.

This may fall under the ACS category, but we have had an extremely dry year so far. The threat of wild fire in the hills around the valley is real; its happened before, so be prepared.

I will throw out the challenge again. There are many facets of ham radio. Step out of the comfort zone and try something different. For techs and generals, consider and upgrade. Remember that we are here to help. Satellite QSO's are doable with minimal equipment. Tracking software is available on the Internet.

Enough preaching.

See you at the next meeting.

—73, Jim, K6UUW

NEXT MEETING
This month's meeting will be held at the EOC at the Sonoma PD.
The program will introduce the ARDUINO

Minutes of April 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Jim at 1935.

Frank, KG6N, will need a group to take down his mast and hex beam on the 13th of May.

Ken, N6KM, reported that the county Volunteer Day is on April 25. You must RSVP if you want to attend.

Jim reported that the last session at the high school was attended by 22 students. They completed the power supply section of the Mike, WB6TMH, project. The next and last meeting will be on May 9.

The June meeting will feature an antenna building project presented by Scott, KJ6QIQ.

It was motioned and seconded to send $200 to the California Historical Radio Museum.

The program was hamfest planing.

—Respectfully submitted, Frank, KG6N

OPERATING TIP

You may have read the DX Code of Conduct that is directed at DXers, presenting guidelines for operating in a way that could bring order and make pileups more civil. Less widely known is that "The DX Code of Conduct" Web pages also contain a set of guidelines for DXpeditioners or DXpeditioner's Code. To clarify this situation, DX University offers clearly delineated guidelines for both DXpeditioners and DXers. They are referred to separately as "Best Practices for DXpedition Operating" and "Best Practices for Courteous and Efficient DXing" on the DX University web site. This might be a real good time to read both!

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

OOPS

The *ARRL Handbook* and numerous other references that used graphics from Amphenol have an error in the step-by-step procedure to install Type N connectors. The procedure omits the washer between the nut and gasket at the back of the shell. The instructions have been corrected in the online version. (Thanks, Bruce WA3SWJ) (From ARRL contest bulletin)

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE FCC?

On Wednesday, May 1, President Barack Obama announced that he nominated Tom Wheeler to be the new Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. If the Senate confirms the nomination, Wheeler will replace Julius Genachowski who announced his resignation from the FCC in March. Pending Wheeler's confirmation, FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn -- the agency's soon-to-be senior Democrat -- will serve as the Commission's acting chairman. (From ARRL Newsletter)

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

THOU SHALT NOT JAM CELL-PHONES

On April 9, the FCC found two businesses -- The Supply Room in Oxford, Alabama and Taylor Oilfield Manufacturing in Broussard, Louisiana -- to have "apparently willfully and repeatedly violated" the FCC's rules operating multiple cellular phone jammers that were illegally imported to the US. The FCC issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order* (*NAL*) to each business: The Supply Room received an *NAL* in the amount of $144,000, while Taylor Oilfield Manufacturing received an *NAL* in the amount of $126,000. (from ARRL Newsletter)

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

HAMFEST 2013 Best Yet

—Darrel WD6BOR

The VOMARC hamfest was a greater success than ever before.

Ed, W1EJ, organized his usual great breakfast with the able help of his son Ed, KF6CLE, and Ed's wife Stephanie, with Moe Llanes, Dick Hanna, KF6FZM, and Declan, KA2QQO, working both shifts. Ed's crew was a little light this year so we need to get a few more volunteers for both shifts, especially for second shift clean up.

We had a better turn out than the past few years with over 120 breakfasts sold. If we had the extra help we could have sold breakfasts again to the swap sellers as we have in the past. We weren't able to sell soft drinks at the registration table because of Vets Building rules. Someone with a ice chest on wheels and some change could do a real busy job selling by taking the drinks to the hamfest guests and sellers next year.

Our VE session went well with Jim, K6UUW in the session this year. The club demonstration station was covered by Dave, KD6FIL, and Ken, N6KM.

Dave was also "gopher" helping take care of all the miscellaneous details that come up during the hamfest.

Mike, WB6TMH, ran the popular fox hunt again this year, as well as helping with set-up and take-down. Gordon, W6DDU, brought the club's antennas for sale and had them at the outdoor swap.

The swap meet was especially well attended this year with 30 sellers, several of whom had multiple spaces. Inside the auditorium Stan, NJ6E, took care of the club swap table, with several members selling gear through Stan while they worked on the hamfest. Jim, K6UUW, donated some parts and equipment to the club with the proceeds going into the treasury.

Catherine, KE6LNP, and Penny, KE6LNM, handled the registration duties with help from Eileen, KG6QNT. VOMARC had the Pacific Division President, Bob, W6RGG, and Vice-President Jim, K6JAT, as well as Section Manager Bill, KH6GJV representing the ARRL. They very generously donated raffle prizes, as did Ham Radio Outlet in Oakland.

Now to the money part. The breakfast grossed $756, with some expenses already reimbursed, the swap tables brought in $340, and the club swap table added another $43, for a total gross of $1,139.

We have had higher gross receipts before only when equipment was donated to the club by the families of silent keys and we were able to sell some big ticket items. As Jim said, the whole point of having the hamfest is for everyone to have fun.

From the smiles on everyone's faces, we accomplished that goal. Thanks to our officers and volunteers for making this hamfest another enjoyable and profitable event. Thanks especially to Jim, K6UUW, for once again stepping up to lead the club as President another year.

2013 ACS
Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL	KEN	N6KM
MAY	RACHEL	KI6HDG
JUNE	GEORGE	K6ITE
JULY	CRAIG	KF6QZP
AUGUST	DEAN	KI6FFM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WD6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

2013 VOMARC
Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	STAN	NJ6E
APRIL	DAVE	KG6FIL
MAY	FRANK	KG6N
JUNE	ED	W1EJ
JULY	BILL	KJ6EIG
AUGUST	CRAIG	KF6QZP
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

We Get E-Mail

You and your members are cordially invited to the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest which is to be held Saturday, June 1, 2013. Please view and distribute the attached flyer for information. If you want to register in advance, you can send reservations along with vendor fees to: Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1169, Yuba City, CA 95992-9169. You can also view the information at our website by going to http://www.ysarc.org

73, De **Larry** - KE6LAW

Larry A Witcher

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jim Hill, K6UUW – President, Training Officer

Frank Wiebusch, KG6N – Vice-President,

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL – Secretary

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Treasurer

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – ACS Unit Leader

Sanford Smith, N7PIB – VE Liaison

Jim Hill, K6UUW – Elmer Coordinator

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress, Editor

Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE Wed, MAY 15, 7:30pm at the City of Sonoma EOC, 175 1st St West, behind the Sonoma Police Department

SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2013 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**

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Amateur Radio Club

Proudly Presents Its

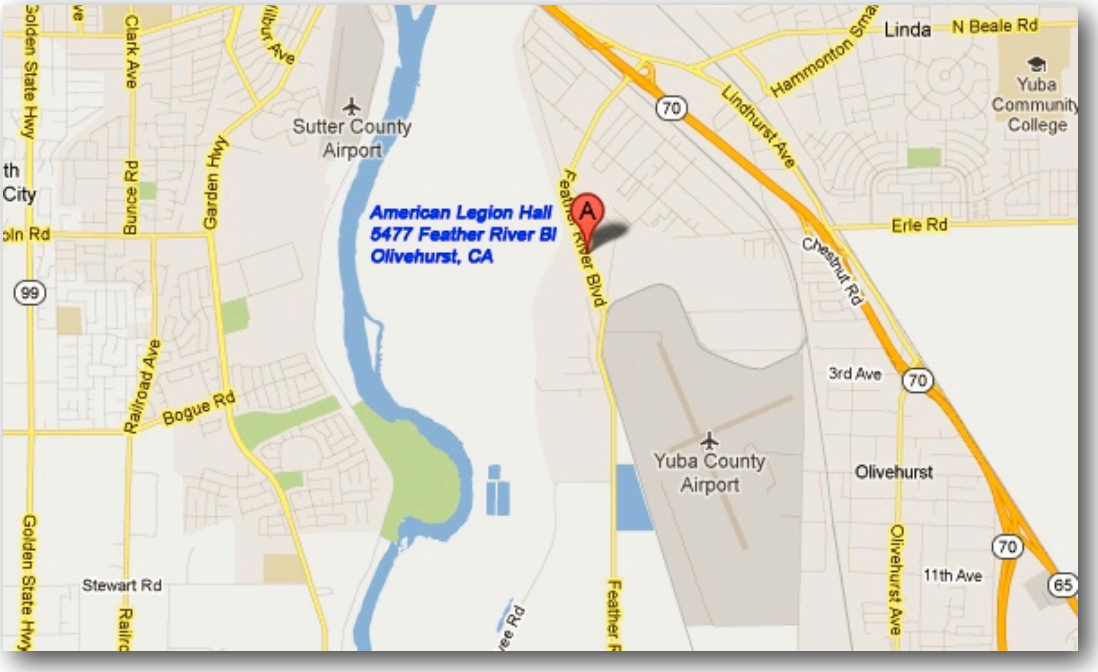
1st ANNUAL ARRL HAMFEST

SATURDAY JUNE 1st, 2013

0700 - Noon - American Legion Hall - 5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst, CA

***Free Admission**
***American Legion Breakfast**
***Vendor Fee - $10** *(Set-up @ 0600)*
***Grand Prize - Dual Band HT**

***Free Parking**
***Handicap Accessible**
***Door Prizes** *(starting at 0800)*
(must be present to win prizes)



TALK IN DIRECTIONS - 146.085 + (127.3)

DIRECTIONS

Northbound Hwy 70...
Take the Feather River Blvd. exit. Turn Left back under the fwy, travel a mile or so until you arrive at the Hall on your left.

Southbound Hwy 70...
Take the Feather River Blvd. exit. Keep Right and travel a mile or so until you arrive at the Hall on your left.

From the West or East...
Travel to Marysville, head south on Hwy 70 and follow the south bound instructions.

Northbound from Roseville
Travel northbound on Hwy 65 past Lincoln and Wheatland, then follow the "Northbound" instructions

Southbound from Sacto...
Traveling northbound on Hwy 99, take the Hwy 70 at the split, then follow the "Northbound" instructions